

## Our Name is on the Door!

Yes, if you drive down Frederick Street you'll see City MenzShed logo proudly display on the door of the old Chinese Mission Hall.

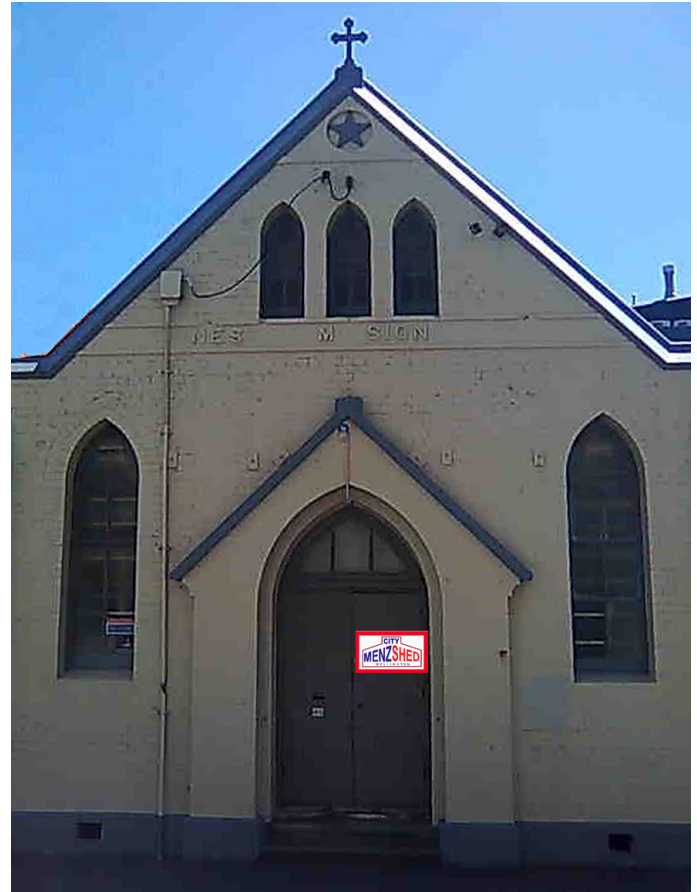
Over the past week we have managed to move 90% of our tools and benches from Southmark House to Frederick Street. There are another couple of loads to move tomorrow and Tuesday, and then the rubbish to take to the tip.

If any on wants the big table in our kitchen at Southmark its is free to any member, as is a heap of firewood. Robin is still clearing out his things so South mark will probably be open tomorrow and Tuesday. Frederick Street will be open with Steve staring to organise things

We appreciate that members will want to come and look around our new home. But don't come this week unless you're prepared to work.

We have a lot cleaning up to do. In no particular order ....  
some plumbing replacing the broken hand-basin,  
painting the toilet and dark storeroom,  
sorting out the lights and power points,  
moving and placing the benches and major tools,  
setting up a dust extraction system,  
mounting the notice boards,  
cleaning up the kitchen  
making storage for cups plates and utensils  
installing the fridge,  
cleaning the windows  
mending the front door and installing the new lock  
setting up the phone,  
removing rubbish to the tip  
purchasing sink plug, toilet paper, paper towels...  
...that's a start. There'll be a few other things too.

So far most of the move has been done by two or three people working almost every day. If you can come and help with the above that would be great but please don't come just for a look and a chat this week - we'll all be too busy.



The man we have to thank for our new home is Maurice Clark.

He owns much of the surrounding land and has plans to build there.

Maurice has kindly allowed us to use the Chinese Mission Hall until his development plans are complete and he's ready to start building. That might be months it might be longer.



This means we still need to keep looking for a more permanent home. All suggestions and even rumours .to John or Don please



Yes, I know, you're probably saying "What's that?"

It's an idea that's being tried out for the first time with a day at Te Papa for people who make things. We were invited to take part and have a free stand with a 2m x 2m table and a chair.

The City MenzShed needs to raise its profile so that our membership grows then we can help more men, and help more community groups with our skills.

A lot of people go through Te Papa on a Saturday and this is a chance to tell more people about what we do.

At the simplest we are there for the day with some leaflets, but that would be boring for us and not many people who would stop and talk and that's what we need them to do.

What we need is something that people will stop and watch, so we are looking for ideas. What could we make that's simple and requires few tools, doesn't make too much mess or noise?

What you could do or make? If we split the day up several of us could each do something for say an hour - Gary making one of his boxes. Perhaps someone jig sawing puzzles for a kindergarten, making and gluing one of those block puzzles.

What could you do? Will you commit for an hour on Saturday 27 April?

Ideas please to Don or John.

The MenzShed is open to all Wellington men, but especially those in the older age group.

We offer a place where you'll find companionship, and a chance to revive your old skills, or learn new skills.

We help Kindergartens, Plunket, Refugee Services and other community groups by repairing and painting broken furniture. We have a great collection of tools.

We meet from 10 to 1pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and from 12 to 3pm on Wednesdays.

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